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BLAIR has gained two States that were not counted for him in 1870—Indiana and Michigan—and he has as yet not lost one State that he had then.—Chicago Tribune.

Most of the political virtue in this country has taken refuge in the Northwest; and every State in the Northwest that has been heard from thus far is opposed to a third term. Illinois will be the last to speak, and it seems probable now that she will emphasize the verdict of her sister States—Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

MR. WHITEHEAD REID, says the New York Star, at the Lotus club dinner, complimented M. de Lesseps upon having brought the white-winged fleet of commerce "to the very heart of the desert." After the banquet M. de Lesseps remarked with a puzzled air, to one of the guests: "Can it be possible that the gentlemen does not know that the canal was cut through the Isthmus of Suez and not through the Desert of Sahara?"

An extraordinary activity has been recently developed throughout the mineral regions of the South, which include the western portion of Virginia, the whole of West Virginia, and the northern parts of Alabama, Georgia, and North and South Carolina. The revival is most noticeable in the iron and furnace districts. Scarcely a day passes but some sale of this class of property is made to Northern capitalists, particularly to those of Pennsylvania.

Great Britain draws \$400,000,000 interest money annually from foreign countries. Russia, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Asia, Africa and America are heavily mortgaged to Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. These five nations, with an aggregate population of about 115,000,000, are the great international capitalists, or at least have the great bulk of the surplus capital, which must seek a market elsewhere. They have an annual rent or interest charge upon other nations amounting to not less than \$750,000,000 a year.

INDIANA Republicans have the right to be heard. They say they can elect a Republican to the United States Senate to succeed McDonald if Washburne, or Edmunds, or Windom, or Blaine is nominated for the Presidency. They say they cannot do this on the third-term issue. If Indiana can elect a Republican, with the other States that are expected reasonably to replace Democrats with Republicans, such as Connecticut and New Jersey, the Senate will be a tie; and a Republican Vice President would decide on the right side. Can the Republican party afford to throw away this chance?

A New York Times reporter had a conversation with Mr. William Miller, who was a few years ago at the head of one of the largest sugar refineries in the city: "Will you explain what 'glucose' is, and how sugar is adulterated with it?" asked the reporter.

"Glucose," answered the refiner, "is made from corn-starch, which is diluted with a small quantity of water, together with enough oxalic acid to 'cut' it. This makes a bright substance very much like white gum. It will readily combine with sugar or sirup, giving a very bright, flattering appearance. The same article is now made into a dry powder, and 'powdered' and refined low-grade sugars can easily be adulterated with it."

GEN. SPUNKER, former Treasurer of the United States, writes from Jacksonville, Fla., to a correspondent of the Capital: "As you say, we 'have many strangers,' and they are enjoying our heavenly climate hugely. This is, indeed, a wonderful season. Vegetation is a month in advance of the usual time. The weather has not been cold enough here to turn the color of the leaves of some of the deciduous trees, and they now are forcing off the old ones. Many of these trees, like the mulberry, are now in full leaf. The orange and lemon trees have, since Christmas, sent out new shoots more than a foot long, and many of these trees are now in full bloom, filling the air with their delicious fragrance."

WATERSON, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has matters figured down to a fine point as to the Democratic party in its entry on the Presidential canvass. He says, editorially:

It is our fixed opinion that, with a single exception, the Democratic party can elect no individual President of the United States this year but Th. S. Tilden. This single exception is the candidate named by Tilden. It is our fixed opinion that we cannot maintain a ticket in the field six weeks unless it be headed or heartily supported by Mr. Tilden.

We suppose the candidate the old Unionist would name is Samuel J. Tilden. In that case it is our solemn opinion that General Grant, even handicapped down by the widespread hostility to Third Termism, would most probably beat him, and that Washburne would have a walkaway from him.

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Preston Foss, Wood county, Dem.; door-keeper at the Senate; \$1,440.  
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H. C. Duncan, Wayne county, Dem.; Clerk Senate Committee on Mines and Mining; \$6 per day.  
George E. Cross, Jefferson county, Dem.; (ex-member West Virginia House) Doorkeeper Senate; \$1,800.  
F. W. Mahood, Summers county, Dem.; (ex-member Virginia Legislature from Giles county) Stationary Clerk of the House; \$1,800.  
Wm. M. Patton, Harrison county, Dem.; (formerly Doorkeeper West Virginia House of Delegates) Doorkeeper of House; \$1,000.  
Thos. W. Keller, Mineral county, Dem.; (ex-Committee Clerk of West Virginia Senate) member Capitol police force.  
Chas. W. Russell, Ohio county, Dem.; Assistant Librarian; \$1,200.  
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J. W. Gentry, Kanawha county, Dem.; clerk to Davis special investigating committee, Treasury Department; \$1,200.  
Wat. Dolan, Ohio county, Rep.; Public Printing Office; day wages.  
E. T. Drabosh, Wood county, Public Printing Office; day wages.  
Geo. F. Gorman, Mineral county, Public Printing Office; day wages.  
John F. McDermott, formerly of Wheeling, Rep.; Public Printing Office; day wages.

It is said that in addition to the above parties there are a number of persons whose appointments are charged up to W. Va., who have really never lived in the State, or who, like J. Reilly Weaver, consul at Antwerp, were only temporarily in the State.

Some of our State exchanges have a good deal to say in derogation of State Superintendent of Schools Pendleton. It is one of the misfortunes of the school system in this State that pretty nearly every citizen thinks he can improve upon it and so many have tried their hands that the Superintendent of Schools, nor anybody else can do as much good with it as might be. A little experience in the office might take some of the conceit out of these critics, every one of whom doubtless thinks that he embodies the elements of a much better Superintendent than the incumbent does.—Washington Herald.

The "movement" has come to about this. A few cunning politicians are conjuring in the name of Grant in order to overwhelm and defeat the real popular favorite at Chicago. These politicians find their own names impotent to compass their ends, and the use they make of Grant's name has been such as to rob it of much of its potency. People like Grant, but do not wish to see him used as a political fall in the hands of a few jealous men to beat out the brains of their betters.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle (Rep.).

WM. E. CHANDLER brushed against a Star reporter to-day, and asked: "You are a long-headed politician, now who do you think the Democrats will nominate for President?" "Why," said he, "I think Tilden; they can't help it—they would. Tilden will be the Democratic nominee."—Washington Star (Ind.).

Mr. CYRUS W. FIELD is the great American stock-waterer at the present time, a fact disclosed in the examination made of the elevated railway companies by the New York assembly, with the design of compelling a reduction of fare to 5 cents. The Springfield Republican shows that the \$43,000,000 which the "L" roads are reported to have cost contains \$24,841,814, or over half, clear water. The New York and Metropolitan companies were formed in the first place to build the lines, and each issued \$15,000,000 in stocks and bonds. The work on the Metropolitan was then let out to the New York Loan and Improvement company, the same capitalists under a different firm name, which got \$21,800,000 in stock and bonds, of which \$11,800,000 was "margin." The New York loan cost \$8,719,038, and cleared its constructors \$6,280,961. The Manhattan Elevated company was organized to run two lines, and, on a capital stock of \$2,000,000 (of which but \$100,000 was ever paid in), guaranteed the bonds of each company, agreed to pay 10 per cent on their stock, and, besides a yearly rental of \$20,000, is issued to each \$5,000,000 in bonds. This increased the Manhattan company's cash capital of \$100,000 to \$15,000,000 by a

stroke of the pen. Mr. Tilden must be regretting that he got out of the clutches of Mr. Field altogether too soon.

GENERAL GRANT said to John Russell Young in one of those remarkable conversations which varied the monotony of their journey around the world:

I had only one candidate for the Presidency as my successor; and that was the Republican candidate who could be elected. I took no part in the proceedings antecedent to the Cincinnati Convention, because the candidates were my friends, and any one except Mr. Bristow would have had my hearty support. Mr. Bristow I never would have supported, for reasons that I may give at some other time in a more formal manner than mere conversation.

That is to say, Grant would have refused to support Bristow if he had been nominated, but would have bolted and helped to elect his Democratic opponent, Tilden. Is not this setting a rather dangerous example to the "Young Scratchers" and independently inclined class of Republicans? We see the evil effect on party subordination in New York, where there is a powerful society who propose to "bolt" if Grant is nominated for a third term.

List of West Virginians Holding Official Positions at Washington, March 11.

As a matter of interest to a number of your readers, I send you the following list of persons from West Virginia who hold official positions at Washington, either in the departments or at the Capitol. The list, so far as I have been able to complete it, is as follows:

John D. Deffries, Rep., Berkeley county, public printer; \$4,000 per year.  
E. C. Brace, Kanawha county, Rep., Patent office; \$1,200 per year.  
Thos. P. Shallercock, Ohio county, Dem.; Special P. O. Department; \$1,600.  
J. W. Vance, Berkeley county, Rep.; Patent office; \$1,600.  
Hughes Piper, Marshall county, Rep.; Pension office; \$900.  
E. W. S. Moore, Marion county, Rep.; Pension office; \$1,000.  
Richard Burke, Monroe county, Rep.; Treasury Department; \$1,200.  
M. J. Bell, Kanawha county, Rep.; Treasury Department; \$1,200.  
D. W. Beech, Kanawha county, Dem.; Treasury Department; \$900.  
Edwin Clay, Greenbrier county, Dem.; War Department; \$1,000.  
Willie Drummond, Monongalia county, Dem.; War Department; \$1,400.  
Andy Johnson, Ohio county, Rep.; War Department; \$1,200.  
J. M. Pipes, Marshall county, Rep.; War Department; \$1,000.  
Col. Frey, Upshur county, Rep.; War Department; \$1,200.  
Jas. M. Ewing, Ohio county, Rep.; Census bureau; \$1,200.  
John Harvey, Kanawha county, Dem.; Agricultural department; \$1,000.  
James Cunningham, Ohio county, Rep.; Pension office; \$1,20